

GUN COTTON BOMB
WRECKS TWO CARSOutbreak in the Quaker City
After Week of Quiet.

WINDOWS ARE BROKEN

Explosion of Great Severity in
Northeast Section.Lives of Passengers Endangered
and One Woman Slightly Injured.
Probably Part of Plot to Create
Disturbances—Police Make Three
Arrests, but the Charges Are Mal-
icious Mischief and Inciting Riot.Philadelphia, March 18.—Two
street cars were wrecked, their pas-
sengers endangered, and one of
them, a woman, slightly injured, at
widely separated points to-night by
bombs of high explosives, suppos-
edly made of gun cotton.This outbreak, occurring after a
week of comparative quiet, and
with the prospect of peace appar-
ently so near, surprised the police
force and led to redoubled vigilance
in all parts of the city. It was rum-
ored that the two explosions were
part of a plot to create disturbances
and wreck cars throughout the city,
and until after midnight the mount-
ed police and men on foot were
kept busy patrolling the car lines.Police arrested three men at the scene
of the second explosion, at Coral
and Dauphin streets, but the charges against
them were only malicious mischief and
inciting to riot. The most serious evi-
dence against them seems to be that
they threw stones at the car which had
run over the bomb. One of the prisoners
was knocked down by a horse of a
mounted policeman while trying to run
away from another cop who shot at
him, and was badly cut about the head.One Woman Injured.
The other explosion occurred in Colum-
bia avenue, between Thirtieth and Thir-
ty-first streets, where one woman was
slightly injured.Probably the greater damage of the
two explosions was created by that in
the northeast section. Not only were
the panes of glass in the car shattered,
but the windows of a dozen houses with-
in a block were broken. There had been
trouble at this point earlier in the even-
ing, and before the explosion occurred
the police had to drive crowds away sev-
eral times.The bomb was placed on one of the
rails of the car track and was run over
by a car on the Otis street wharf line.
The car was lifted several inches in the
air, but fell upon the rails when it al-
ighted. Three passengers in the car
were shaken, but no one was hurt.Immediately following the explosion a
crowd gathered in the street and began
throwing stones at the motorman, who
had pluckily remained by the car. Sev-
eral mounted policemen and a detachment
from the Trenton avenue and Dauphin street
station arrived and charged the crowd.

Strike Near End.

It is said to-night the Transit Company
and the striking carmen will come to an
agreement by to-morrow night or Sun-
day at the latest. The company and the
men are negotiating amicably. The
bitterness which marked the statements
from both sides early in the week has
disappeared. Even Mayor Reyburn, who
was stalwartly opposed to compromise,
has moderated his utterances. He spoke
a word or two for peace this afternoon.Certain influences, business and polit-
ical, have been working in secret for the
past twelve hours. They were potent
enough to bring about a modification of
the company's position and a willingness
on the part of the strikers to recede a
trifle in their demands. The belief is
now that there will be no State strike.

Status of Discharged Men.

Whatever agreement is reached will
have to do with the status of the 173
conductors and motormen discharged a
month ago for "intoxication, knocking
down fares, and the good of the serv-
ice." The peace ambassadors, who have
been going from the Rapid Transit Com-
pany to the men and from the men to
the company, have succeeded, it is un-
derstood, in persuading each side to give
away a little.The basis of the agreement may be a
guarantee on the part of the company
that these men shall be given individual
trials and a chance to defend themselves
and the guarantee on the part of the
strikers that the men proved to be guilty
of the offenses charged by the company
shall be punished.The impression is pretty strong that
leaders of the unions that have backed
up the carmen will not tolerate high-
handed action by the carmen in case the
Rapid Transit Company submits a reason-
able proposal.

Turbines Cheaper Now.

London, March 18.—In an address be-
fore the Institute of Naval Architects
to-day, Hon. Charles Alexander, the
inventor of the turbine engine, read
a paper in reference to experiments deal-
ing with the application of turbines to
merchant marine ships. Heretofore these
turbines have not been applicable, owing
to the high initial cost and the great coal
consumption.\$1.25 to Baltimore and Return
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WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia,
Maryland, and Virginia—Fair
and warmer to-day; to-morrow,
fair; light southerly winds.

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TAFT A DEFENDER
OF HIS POLICIESRefers to Tariff in Speech
at Rochester.

ASKS CORPORATION TAX

Favors Two Battle-ship Policy
of His Predecessor.Bewails Fact that He Cannot Go
Into Halls of Congress and Fight
for His Legislation—Criticism if
He Asks Aid and Berated if He
Does Not—Says He Has Been Called
a Poor Politician—Explains Cause.Rochester, N. Y., March 18.—President
Taft told the 700 guests at the Rochester
Chamber of Commerce to-night that it
was hard for a President to talk about
anything but politics, and then launched
into an explanation of the acts of his ad-
ministration so far.He referred to the tariff, which, he
thought, was a good one, and the cor-
poration tax."During this year," said the President,
"business has increased, prosperity is
here." He added that until the Supreme
Court decides the important cases now
before it, neither a President nor a citi-
zen could tell how long that prosperity
will last. He endorsed the two battle-ship
policy of Col. Roosevelt, and declared
that that policy was dear to his heart
also, although he favors government
economy of all sorts.Taking up the subject of the adminis-
tration's executive programme and the
measures which he hopes to get through
Congress, the President declared that the
law's delay is one of the most important
and pressing matters which confront the
country. Speaking of the proposed cor-
poration tax, he declared that the objec-
tion that the judges would not have enough
to do could be easily met by making
these judges sit in Federal courts. "What
I propose to do is to have railroad men
run their roads within the law, and not
be subject to constant litigation," said
the President in referring to the pro-
posed amendment to the Hepburn law,
permitting pooling arrangements. The
carriers, he said, must pool anyhow, and
he preferred to have them do it under
the law.Explains the Clause.
In explanation of the clause in the ad-
ministration bill that allows a carrier
which owns 50 per cent of a competing
line to acquire the remainder of the
stock, the President declared that it had
been inserted not to help the railroads,
but to aid the minority stockholders.The passage of the proposed amend-
ments, he thought, would stop all such
stock manipulations as have been discov-
ered recently.Mr. Taft believed a President of the
United States in a bad way, because
he can't like the premier of England, go
into Congress and fight for his legisla-
tion. He asserted that if he consulted
with men here and there and every-
where, and then called in Congressmen
and asked them to pass certain measures,
he was said to be forcing legislation
down the throats of the people. If he did
not put the legislation through that his
party platforms called for, he was criti-
cised for not keeping his word.Bank Bill Beneficial.
The postal savings bank bill, he argued,
would hurt the banking business, but
would aid it greatly."Our friend, Mr. Gompers, and the Fed-
eration of Labor," he went on, "is op-
posed to the anti-injunction bill, because
they say it does not go far enough, and
Mr. Van Cleave and the Merchants' and
Manufacturers' Association are opposed to
it because it is not strong enough.""But," he said, "I am getting a little
tired of consulting particular interests to
see if a thing ought to go through. When
a man comes to me and says 'You
ought not to do this—the people won't like
it,' I want to know first whether it is
Continued on Page 3, Column 2.At Sloan's To-Day.
List of household and personal effects,
bric-a-brac, good pictures, from the Se-
cular Storage Co. unclaimed packages
from the Custom-house, two iron office
safes, etc., at Sloan's, 1407 G st., to-
day at 10 a. m. Housekeepers and deal-
ers invited.Alabama Flooring (good) \$2.25 100 ft.
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STILL IN THE RING.

"SILENCE" REBUKE
FOR NAVAL OFFICERMidshipmen Show Disfavor
for Superior at Meal.Special to The Washington Herald.
Annapolis, Md., March 18.—After several
attempts the brigade of midshipmen at
supper to-night succeeded in administer-
ing the "silence" to one of the officers of
the department of discipline. The "sil-
ence" consists of all hands sitting
through the whole time that a meal is
in progress of serving without uttering
a word and takes the nature of a rebuke,
signalling dislike of the officer who is
subjected to it.The midshipmen had tried several times
to administer the rebuke to the officer
who received it to-night. About two
months ago it was attempted, but sev-
eral of the upper classmen broke it.
To-day it is said the initial attempt
was made at dinner, but it fell flat. The
great majority who were in favor of it,
however, were determined to carry out
the purpose with the fruitful results that
attended it at the supper.But the midshipmen did not escape their
prank without a "come-back," for the
officer detained them in the mess hall
until after the customary time of dis-
missal. This is the usual method re-
sorted to by an officer who falls victim
in trying to even up with the students.

COMMODORE BARTLETT DEAD.

Captain of Ohio in Trip Around
Cape Horn.Boston, Mass., March 18.—Commodore
Charles Ward Bartlett, U. S. N., a grand-
son of Artemus Ward, died last night at
his home in Worcester of acute bron-
chitis, aged fifty-nine years. He was a
native of Worcester, and was retired
last July because of ill health.As captain of the battle ship Ohio, his
last command, he circled Cape Horn.
During the Spanish war he commanded
the Piscataqua, one of the mosquito fleet,
in the Philippines.His most recent service was as assis-
tant to the Chief of the Bureau of Or-
dnance of the Navy Department.

REPRIEVED SIX TIMES.

Negro Is First Man Executed in
North Carolina.Raleigh, N. C., March 18.—Walter Mor-
rison, the negro who has been reprieved
six times by the governor because of de-
lay in obtaining a death chair, was elec-
trocuted in prison here to-day. This was
the first execution under the new law,
substituting electricity for hanging as the
means of executing murderers.Morrison was convicted of an attack
on an Indian woman of the Croatan
tribe in Robeson County.

CARTHUSIAN MONKS WIN.

English Court Decided Against Liq-
uidator of Their Property.London, March 18.—The lords of appeal
of the House of Lords, the highest court
in Great Britain, of which the Lord High
Chancellor is chairman, to-day unani-
mously dismissed what is known as the
Chartreuse appeal case. The question
was whether the appellants, M. Le-
courtiere, the French liquidator, who had
charge of the liquidation of the property
of the Carthusian Monks and the com-
pany which succeeded him, were entitled to
a trade-mark so far as the United
Kingdom was concerned.In the first instance this claim was up-
held, but the appeal court reversed the
decision of the lower court. The monks,
who were expelled from France, carried
with them the secret of the manufacture
of their famous liquor and own the trade-
mark.\$1.25 to Baltimore and Return
Saturday and Sunday via Pennsylvania
Railroad. Tickets good returning until
Sunday night. All regular trains except
"Congressional Limited."Georgia Heart Flooring (No. 2) \$2.75
Frank Libbey & Co., 6th and N. Y. ave.CRUISERS PUT BACK
TO SANTA BARBARASuspicion that Ships Are Not
in Best of Condition.Special to The Washington Herald.
San Francisco, March 18.—The armored
cruisers Pennsylvania, Colorado, and
West Virginia, which were supposed to
be in the Santa Barbara Channel, en-
gaged in target practice, showed up at
this port to-day in the order named.
They have come back to coal, and the
Maryland will be here to-morrow for the
same purpose. They will all return to
Santa Barbara when their bunkers have
been filled.When the South Dakota was detached
from the fleet and ordered here to pre-
pare to accompany the Tennessee to
Buenos Ayres, it was stated that the
South Dakota and California were the
only ships in the fleet in condition to
make the long cruise. The return of all
but the California for coal would seem
to confirm this.An abnormal appetite for coal is one
of the sure signs in a steamship of gen-
eral unfitness, and there is general re-
joicing among the crews of the ships
that as soon as record practice is over
it will be full speed to the navy yards
for repairs that should have been made
months ago.

LIEUT. SHEAN LOCATED.

The Officer Who Eloped from Fort
Crook Found in Chicago.Omaha, Neb., March 18.—Lieut. Daniel
E. Shean, of the Sixteenth Infantry, who
eloped from Fort Crook, Neb., with
Helen E. Bucklin, a nurse, while Mrs.
Shean, his wife, lay ill in bed last fall,
has been located in Chicago.Army officers have been searching for
Shean, and it is said he will be brought
back to Fort Crook and be tried by court-
martial on a charge of desertion.To-day the postmaster at Fort Crook
received a request from Shean to forward
his mail to the above address.Some days after Shean disappeared his
resignation from the army was received
through the mails. This was accepted.

NO PARADE IN SUBWAY.

But Irishman and German Decide
Matter with Pistols.Clinton, N. J., March 18.—Michael
Moriaty and Heinrich Schneider met in
Market street, shook hands, and had a
drink together in honor of St. Patrick's
Day.

"It's snowing," said Schneider.

"It is," said Moriaty.

"I hear Mayor Gaynor has given the
Hibernians permission to parade in the
subway," remarked Schneider."You're a liar. The Irish never march
under cover," retorted Moriaty.With that they clinched. Three by-
standers untangled the combatants and
the recorder discharged them with a
reprimand.

David T. Powers Dead.

Trenton, N. J., March 18.—David T.
Powers, recognized years ago as one of
the most expert wire drawers in this
country, died to-day in the house in which
he had lived for nearly fifty years. He
was eighty-nine years old, and a native
of Ireland. His son, Patrick T. Powers,
president of the Eastern Baseball League,
was with him when the end came.

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AUTO WITH THREE
TOPPLES OVER HILLWoman and Two Guests Are
Slightly Injured.An electric runabout, occupied by Mrs.
B. D. Floyd, of 1747 Eighteenth street
northwest, and two of her guests, top-
pled over a steep embankment in Pierce
Mill road yesterday afternoon, and all
were slightly injured.They were driven home in the touring
car of a stranger, who appeared on the
roadside and offered his assistance.A physician was summoned to the
Floyd residence. It is probable Mrs.
Floyd suffered the most serious hurts,
and because of her advanced years it is
probable she will be confined to her bed
for several days.Persons who saw the wrecked runabout
at the bottom of the embankment after
the accident say it is hard to under-
stand how those who were in the ma-
chine escaped with their lives. What
caused the accident has not been learned.
Mrs. Floyd and her friends made ef-
forts to conceal their identity. Mrs.
Floyd's identity was learned after several
hours' investigation, but not the names
of her guests. They are said to have
been a girl and an aged man.

SHACKELTON MAKES PLANS.

Explorer Will Take Two Ships to
Antarctic in 1911.London, March 18.—Sir Ernest Shackel-
ton is contemplating another south pole
expedition in 1911 on a larger scale than
any antarctic enterprise hitherto. It will
probably need two ships. The aim will
not be to reach the pole, at any rate,
while the Scott expedition is seeking to
reach it.The chief object will be geographical
and scientific exploration in the region
between Cape Adair and Gauss Bay. The
expedition is supported by some of the
most prominent members of the scientific
world. It will be financed privately.Sir Ernest Shackleton and his wife will
sail for New York on the steamer
Lusitania to-morrow.

FISHERMEN LOST ON ICE.

Floe Becomes Detached and Fifty
Russians Are Carried Away.St. Petersburg, March 18.—It is feared
that some fifty fishermen who were work-
ing on the ice off the shore of Peterhof
have been lost. The men were working
on an ice floe with horses and carts.
Suddenly a strong wind detached the
floe on which they were working from
the general ice pack and it was carried
to the Gulf of Finland with the men and
the horses and carts. Ice breaking boats
were immediately dispatched, but the
general belief is that all the men have
perished.

SELLS COTTON AT PROFIT.

Patten Forces English Spinners to
Pay High Prices.New York, March 18.—"I have had too
much newspaper publicity," said James
A. Patten, the Chicago grain and cot-
ton speculator to-day as he sat in the
office of J. S. Bache & Co., "and there-
fore I won't say a word about my trip
to Europe or anything else."
It became known that he is disposing
of thousands of bales of cotton, which
he purchased at low prices, to English
spinners at an average of 15 cents per
pound, making a profit of \$3 a bale.

Thaw Files Exceptions.

Pittsburg, March 18.—Exceptions were
filed to-day by Roger O'Mara, trustee in
bankruptcy for Harry K. Thaw, to claims
of creditors. Among the persons mentioned
is Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, wife of the bank-
rupt. Thaw alleges that a claim of Dr.
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Frank Libbey & Co., 6th and N. Y. ave.CANNON WILL HOLD
DEMOCRAT SHOULD
SUCCEED AS SPEAKERExpected to Be Overruled, and Was Ready
to Offer His Resignation When Insur-
gents Called Postponement.

RULES COMMITTEE PLAN REJECTED

Declines to Be a Party to Any Compromise That
Would Eliminate Him as Leader or Member.Speaker Cannon, if the Democrats and Republican insurgents suc-
ceed to-day in their plans to change the procedure by creating a new
Committee on Rules, will hold that the Democrats have obtained con-
trol of the House of Representatives, and that the election of a new
Speaker should logically follow.Had he made his ruling yesterday upholding the point of order
against the Norris resolution for a new committee, as he was pre-
pared to do, and had been overruled, as he expected to be, a tender
of his resignation doubtless would have followed.

WARNED THE INSURGENTS.

It was this contingency that confronted the insurgents on the
brink and moved them to assent to a postponement, in the hope
of a compromise that would reach the desired end and avert a com-
plete reorganization.Earlier in the afternoon a plan proposed to the regulars to create
a new Committee on Rules, from which the Speaker should be elim-
inated, was rejected.The Speaker declines to be a party to any compromise, or assent
to any understanding that would involve a surrender of his leader-
ship or his elimination from the committee.

ADVISED TO RESIGN.

Prominent party friends have advised him to resign rather than sur-
render to the allies, while others are urging that such a step would
but tend to create further chaos. He has no thought of submitting
to any plan that means his humiliation, politically or personally.

AFRAID TO VOTE.

Afraid to submit to the vote, still fighting for delay, and trying to
compromise with the allies, the regular Republican organization, under
the leadership of Mr. Tawney and Mr. Dalzell, yesterday afternoon
caused a postponement until to-day of the burning question as to
whether or not the Rules Committee shall be overthrown.The question was to be put up to the Speaker. A resolution had been prepared
for him to agree to, in place of the Norris
resolution.This resolution read:
"The Committee on Rules shall con-
sist of ten members, six of whom
shall be members of the majority
party and four of whom shall be
members of the minority party, all of
whom shall be elected by the House
by majority vote."The Committee on Rules shall se-
lect its own chairman.
"All rules or parts thereof in con-
sistent with this resolution are hereby
repealed."The question as to whether or not Mr.
Norris' resolution to provide for a new
Rules Committee consisting of fifteen
members, with the Speaker ineligible
shall be adopted, is to come up to-
day at noon, under the motion made and
carried by Mr. Tawney.After a battle lasting twenty-four
hours, without sleep or rest for many
of its participants during the rigor of an
all-night session, in an attempt to settle
the fate of Representative Norris' resolu-
tion providing for a larger Rules Com-
mittee with the Speaker ineligible to
membership, the House voted at 2 o'clock
in the afternoon to take a recess until
4 o'clock.When the session was resumed, the
Speaker, much to the surprise of the op-
ponents of the organization, started to
say that he was about to rule on the
Norris resolution, when he was interrup-
ted by Chairman Tawney, of the Appropria-
tions Committee, with a motion for an-
other recess until to-day.House in Uproar Again.
Immediately the House was in an up-
roar. The insurgents and Democrats,
who had been sought all through the day
by the regulars with offers of com-
promise, declared that Mr. Tawney's move
for a postponement was but another
move for delay, so that further negotia-
tions might be held for a compromise,
and they did not credit the Speaker's an-
nouncement that he was ready to rule,
regarding his statement as an effort to
get before the country a contradiction
of their charges that the Speaker is de-
laying action by the House with a fil-
luster.Parliamentary inquiries flew thick and
fast, and an agreement to a postpone-
ment of the subject under consideration—
the Norris resolution—was only had after
an understanding by the allies that the
regulars had further offers of com-
promise to make to them which could not
be made on the floor of the House.The definite statement was made last
night by Representative Ollie James,
of Kentucky, that the present Rules Com-
mittee will to-day bring into the House
a substitute for the Norris resolution
providing that the proposed new com-
mittee of ten on rules shall be selected by
the members of the House, eliminating
the Speaker either as chairman or mem-
ber of it.All Up to the Speaker.
Whether an arrangement to perfect this
plan was made last night only to-day's
developments will show. It was said by
Democrats and insurgents at an early
hour this morning that the Speaker's
consent to the plan had not been ob-
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